GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:158
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2016
Flood Relief
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha;Paswan Shri Chhedi

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain parts of the country have been affected by natural calamities including heavy rains and floods in the recent past, if so, the details of loss of lives and damage to property and crops in this regard along with the amount of relief provided by the Government, State-wise;

(b) the details of assistance/compensation for loss of crops sought by the States in this regard and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned an additional Rs. 1000 crore relief to take up rescue and relief operations in Chennai and Tamil Nadu recently and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the efforts made by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams for rescue and relief operations along with the number of people rescued, boats mobilised, relief centres opened etc.; and

(e) the status of relief and rehabilitation works in the affected areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*158 FOR 08.03.2016.

(a) & (b): Various parts of the country have been affected by natural calamities including heavy rains and floods in the recent past. The details of the losses due to natural calamities during the year 2015-16 as reported by the State Governments/ Union Territories is at Annexure-I.

The state-wise details of compensation/ assistance, as projected/ sought in their memoranda submitted to this Ministry towards crop loss in the wake of cyclonic storm/ flash flood/ flood/ landslides etc. during 2015-16 is given in Annexure-II.

The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the States. The concerned State Governments undertake relief operations in the wake of natural disasters from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal in accordance with the GOI approved items & norms of assistance. The Government of India supplements their efforts by providing assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) by following the laid down procedure.
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Financial assistance under SDRF/ NDRF in the wake of natural disasters is by way of relief and not for compensation of loss as suffered/ claimed. The status of the relief and rehabilitation measures taken by the State Government is not maintained Centrally.

The State − wise details of allocation and releases from SDRF and NDRF during the current year is given in Annexure-III.

(c): In order to support the relief measures undertaken for the people of Tamil Nadu, affected in the recent flood in 2015, the Government of India had released an amount of Rs. 1000 crore, 'on account' basis from NDRF to the State Government. An overall amount Rs. 2195.45 Crore has been released to the State to deal with the calamity so far.

(d) & (e): 48 Teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) along with 194 boats and other necessary rescue equipment were

deployed in Tamil Nadu during floods of November-December, 2015. During the period
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the NDRF Teams rescued 22450 persons, 30 live stock and retrieved 13 dead bodies. NDRF Teams also assisted the State Government in establishment of relief Camps in various localities and organized medical camps to contain epidemics in the flood-hit areas.

The primary responsibility to undertake relief and rehabilitation operations in the wake of natural disasters for the people who are affected by the natural calamities rests with the concerned State Government. The Government of India assists the State Government by way of logistics support for immediate rescue, relief and restoration activities. The Status of the relief and rehabilitation measures taken by the State government is not maintained Centrally.

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